

United States Attorney's Office District of Columbia

Jeffrey A. Taylor United States Attorney

## **NEWS RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Thursday, April 2, 2009 USAO Public Affairs (202) 514-6933 www.usdoj.gov/usao/dc

## District woman pleads guilty to stealing close to \$200,000 from two former employers

--woman admitted to embezzling money from provider of services for the mentally ill and from a software development company--

WASHINGTON - A District woman, Angalia Moore, has pleaded guilty to stealing close to \$200,000 from two former employers from 2002 to 2008, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor and Gregory Campbell, Jr., Inspector in Charge of the Washington, D.C. Division, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, announced today.

Moore, 54, of Northwest Washington, D.C., entered her guilty plea earlier today before U.S. District Judge Ellen S. Huvelle to the charge of Mail Fraud. Sentencing is scheduled for June 16, 2009. Moore faces a possible sentence under the guidelines of 21 - 27 months of incarceration.

According to the statement of offense signed by the defendant, from approximately 2002 to 2005, Moore worked as a Chief Financial Officer and Controller at a District company which provides services to the mentally ill. Moore had complete control of the books, payables, receivables, and billing. She obtained the job claiming, falsely, that she was a Certified Public Accountant and had degrees from both American University and Tulane. While with this company, the defendant stole refund checks, which were payable to her employer, and which had been mailed to her employer in the District of Columbia. Also as part of the scheme, Moore obtained possession of room and board checks, from the mentally ill, their guardians or trustees, or from other sources, made payable to the company, but instead of depositing the checks into her employer's bank account, she instead misappropriated them by depositing them into her own personal bank account without permission. In total, Ms. Moore stole \$41,382 from this company.

Later, from approximately 2006 to March 2008, Moore gained employment at a software development firm, also located in the District of Columbia, as their controller, treasurer, and acting Chief Financial Officer. She obtained this employment, again, by

falsely representing her CPA status and educational background. During most of that time, the defendant's duties included: signing checks; having access to wire transfers; preparing financial statements; and overseeing the company's ledgers. The defendant was not a member of the Board of Directors and was not entitled to receive a company "debit" card. From August 2006 to January 2008 (at which time the company announced the pending arrival of the new Chief Financial Officer), the defendant embezzled money through multiple unauthorized wire transfers from the soft-ware company's bank account into Moore's personal bank account and that of two others' accounts over which she had control. The defendant took additional money by way of personal expenses placed on the company's bank debit card, through requests for reimbursements for business expenses which she did not pay from her personal funds, and by misappropriating a refund check. In these ways, Moore stole approximately \$158,118 from the soft-ware company, for a total embezzled amount of \$199,500 from the two employers.

In announcing the guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Taylor and Inspector in Charge Campbell commended Postal Inspector and Team Leader Judy Ramos, and her team of inspectors. In addition, they commended Legal Assistant Jamasee Lucas, Paralegal Specialist Diane Hayes, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Virginia Cheatham, who is prosecuting the case.

###

09-088